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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY)

SUB: KISSINGER PRESS CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S
PRESS CONFERENCE WITH ZAIRIAN AND AMERICAN PRESS IN KINSHASA,
ZAIRE, ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1976.

QUOTE:

Q. WHAT DID YOU DISCUSS WITH OUR PRESIDENT?

A. WE HAD A VERY FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL TALK IN WHICH WE REVIEWED
PRIMARILY THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AFTER THIS
PRESS CONFERENCE WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER MEETING OVER LUNCH IN
WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS PRIMARILY U.S. -ZAIRIAN BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIPS. I REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE
DIPLOMATIC STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ATTEMPT TO EASE
THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO
BRING PROGRESS TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE. OF
COURSE I HAD KEPT THE PRESIDENT INFORMED THROUGHOUT, BY LETTERS
AND CABLES AND WE HAD A VERY GOOD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THROUGHOUT AFRICA.

Q. WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK PRESIDENT MOBUTU LATER BUT DO
YOU NOW FEEL YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT
IN YOUR PLAN TO SET UP NEGOTIATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA?

A. OF COURSE THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR HIMSELF
BUT I HAD THE IMPRESSION OF BEING GIVEN GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT.

Q. ONE HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO
AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WITH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS. WHAT IS YOUR
GOVERNMENT DOING FOR THE AFRICAN NATIONALISTS?

A. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. OUR POSITION IS THAT THE PROBLEMS OF
AFRICA SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY AFRICANS AND THEREFORE WE
HAVE ASKED ALL SUPER POWERS TO AVOID CONTACT WITH THE AFRICAN
NATIONALIST MOVEMENT AND TO PERMIT THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS TO
DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT. ON THIS BASIS
AND ON THIS BASIS ALONE DO WE BELIEVE THAT THE EVOLUTION OF
AFRICA CAN BE IN AFRICAN HANDS. WE WILL MEET WITH AFRICAN
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NATIONALIST MOVEMENT IF THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS ASK US,
BUT WE DO NOT WANT SUPER POWERS OR ANYBODY ELSE TO BEGIN
SUPPORTING ONE GROUP AGAINST ANOTHER BECAUSE THIS WILL EXPORT
THE RIVALRIES OF THE SUPER POWERS INTO THE CONTINENT AND IT
WILL PREVENT THESE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS FROM PURSUING
NATIONALIST OBJECTIVES. SO WE HAVE GIVEN THE LEADERSHIP OF
THESE VARIOUS CONFLICTS IN AFRICA TO THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS
AND WE ARE WORKING THROUGH THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS.

Q. BUT STILL MR. SECRETARY YOU DO NOT HESITATE TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE HOLDERS OF POWER OF WHITE RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA?

A. WHEN I WAS IN SOUTH AFRICA I TALKED TO A GROUP OF BLACK LEADERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE IN STRONG OPPOSITION, IN FACT ALL OF WHOM WERE IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS, AND MEMBERS OF MY PARTY TALKED TO OTHER BLACK LEADERS, SO IN SOUTH AFRICA I MADE IT A POINT TO TALK TO THE LEADERS OF THE BLACK AND COLORED COMMUNITY.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT IAN SMITH HAS ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE OF THE ACCESSION OF THE MAJORITY TO RULE?

A. FOR ME TO PERFORM THE FUNCTION THAT I AM TRYING TO EXERCISE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I DO NOT SPEAK FOR THE PARTIES AND PERMIT THE PARTIES TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I HAVE INDICATED THAT I BELIEVE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. I THINK IT IS CLEAR THAT MAJORITY RULE IS THE OBJECTIVE, SO I WILL WAIT UNTIL MR. SMITH HAS SPOKEN FOR HIMSELF WHICH I UNDERSTAND WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, BUT I HAVE INDICATED THAT IN MY JUDGMENT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

Q. THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE, SIR, THERE WAS GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA WHICH IS A NEIGHBORING STATE. COULD YOU TELL US NOW WHAT THE SITUATION IS WITH RESPECT TO THE CUBANS IN ANGOLA?

A. WE HAVE NO CLEAR INDICATIONS. WE RECEIVED REPORTS OF SOME HAVING BEEN WITHDRAWN, MAYBE ON THE ORDER OF 2,000 TO 3,000 BUT ON THE OTHER HAND WE ALSO HAVE REPORTS OF MANY CIVILIANS COMING INTO REPLACE THEM. THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CUBAN TROOPS, IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY, HAS NOT BEEN STRATEGICALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE OVER 10,000 STILL REMAIN AND WE REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT AN AFRICAN COUNTRY WHOSE GOVERNMENT CAN SUSTAIN ITSELF ONLY BY THE PRESENCE OF AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN.

Q. SINCE YOUR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE HAVE YOU COMMUNICATED ANY FURTHER VIEWS OF THE BLACK AFRICAN PRESIDENTS TO THE SMITH REGIME IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION WHICH WOULD PRODUCE A POSITIVE DECISION BY THE RHODESIAN WHITE MINORITY?

A. AS PART OF MY EFFORTS HERE I ATTEMPT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE PARTIES KNOW WHAT THE OTHER PARTIES ARE THINKING. I HAVE CONVEYED THROUGH THE SOUTH AFRICANS MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE THINKING OF PRESIDENT KUANDA AS WELL AS

OF PRESIDENT NYERERE TO THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES SO THAT
THEY CAN TAKE IT INTO THEIR CONSIDERATION AS THEY MAKE THEIR DECISION
S
THIS WEEK.

Q. YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT RHODESIA. NOW I SHOULD LIKE TO
KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE RESOLVED ABOUT NAMIBIA.

A. THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT NAMIBIA ARE STILL IN PROGRESS.
EVERYBODY AGREES THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. THE UNITED
STATES IS IN FAVOR OF THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE AUTHENTIC
GROUPS,
INCLUDING SWAPO, IN ANY DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING NAMIBIA. WE
ARE ALSO IN FAVOR OF A UN ROLE IN THIS AND I BELIEVE THAT
PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES
AS WELL AS SOUTH AFRICA'S ROLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. THE
PRECISE RELATIONSHIP OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS TO EACH
OTHER IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS STILL REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT
BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IN THE WEEKS AHEAD WE CAN
MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE OF SETTING
UP A CONFERENCE ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA.
BEFORE WE END THE PRESS CONFERENCE I WANT TO SAY THAT IN MY
DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD
BE IMPORTANT THAT THE OAU BE FORMALLY INFORMED ABOUT THE
RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. I ACCEPTED HIS
SUGGESTIONS AND I WILL SEND AN EMISSARY TO SEE THE PRESIDENT
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OF THE OAU TO INFORM HIM OF THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE TAKEN
PLACE DURING THE LAST WEEK.

Q. WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE OAU?

A. THAT'S THE PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS. UNQUOTE.
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